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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS - FIJI CLAIM OF ARCHIPELAGO STATUS

REF: SUVA 566, SUVA 583, STATE 96997 (NOTAL)

1. DELOFFS HAVE MET WITH AMB. NANDAN AND D. MCLAUGHLIN TO DISCUSS FIJI CLAIM. BOTH WERE TAKEN SOMEWHAT ABACK BY THE GOF DECLARATION. THEY EXPECTED THAT THE DECLARATION WOULD NOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME. THEY HAD INDEED BEEN PREPARING AMENDMENTS TO FIJI LEGISLATION TO PRESCRIBE THE TRANSIT REGIME THAT WOULD OBTAIN WITHIN ARCHIPELAGIC BASELINES. THEY ARE CLEARLY THINKING IN TERMS OF THE ICNT REGIME FOR ARCHIPELAGIC SEALANES PASSAGE THROUGH ALL ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS. THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING SEALANES. MCLAUGHLIN MAINTAINED THAT AT THE TIME OF DECLARING THE ARCHIPELAGO GOF STATED PUBLICLY THAT THEY WOULD BE PROVIDING FOR FREE TRANSIT BY SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT.

2. DELOFFS INDICATED CONCERN ABOUT FIJI CLAIM INDICATING PROBLEMS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF ICNT PROVISIONS PRIOR TO
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CONCLUSION OF TREATY. WE NOTED WE COULD NOT SUPPORT ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT IN ABSENCE OF TREATY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY CONSULT WITH FIJI LOS DEL BOTH ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THEIR LEGISLATION AND MEANS TO AMELIORATE EFFECT OF LEGISLATION. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN SUVA AT THIS TIME.

3. USDEL CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT MAIN INCENTIVE FOR INDONESIA AND OTHERS TO HELP ACHIEVE OVERALL TREATY ACCEPTABLE TO US ON ALL ISSUES, INCLUDING DEEP SEABED MINING AND RESOURCE POLICY, RESTS ON CREDIBILITY OF US REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT ABSENT LOS TREATY ACCEPTABLE TO US. ACCORDINGLY, USDEL ASSUMES THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME SOON AFTER SESSION ENDS, DEPARTMENT WILL SUBMIT TO GOF A FORMAL STATEMENT OF NON-RECOGNITION AND A RESERVATION OF OUR RIGHTS AND THOSE OF OUR NATIONALS. RICHARDSON

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